


**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, mailed April 22, 2003, the Examiner required restriction of the claims to one of four groups: Group I (claims 1-14); Group II (claims 15-30<sup>1</sup>); Group III (claims 21-30); and Group IV (claims 31-32).

By this amendment, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-14, without traverse, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees that may be required relative to this application, or credit any overpayment, to our Account 03-3975, Order No. 083452-0261856 (RCI-002).

Respectfully submitted,  
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<sup>1</sup> It is presumed that the Examiner meant, for Group II, claims 15-20 and not claims 15-30 because, to do otherwise, would make Group III, which includes claims 21-30, moot.